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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S ORAL MESSAGE TO BITSIOS

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING ORAL MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY
TO BITSIOS:

2. BEGIN MESSAGE: UPON RETURNING TO WASHINGTON, I WANTED
TO REAFFIRM TO YOU THAT WE INTEND TO REMAIN ALERT TO THE FU-
TURE SAILING OF THE TURKISH SEISMIC VESSEL IN THE AEGEAN,
AND WILL DO WHAT WE CAN TO ENSURE ITS SAILING DOES NOT LEAD
TO A HEIGHTENING OF TENSIONS. AMBASSADOR MACOMBER WILL SOON
REINFORCE EARLIER APPROACHES WE HAVE MADE ON THIS SUBJECT IN
ANKARA.

AS I INDICATED TO COORDINATION

MINISTER PAPALIGOURAS IN PARIS LAST WEEK, AN EXACERBA-

TION OF THE SITUATION IN THE AEGEAN WILL BENEFIT NEITHER SIDE.

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3. IN THIS REGARD, WE LOOK AS WELL TO GREECE TO EXERCISE RESTRAINT. THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT HAS ASSURED US THAT IT HAS NO DESIRE TO TEST THE WILL OF GREECE NOR TO PROVOKE CONFRONTATION. CERTAINLY, A REASONABLE AND DISPASSIONATE APPROACH BY BOTH SIDES WILL CONTRIBUTE TO A MORE FAVORABLE CLIMATE IN WHICH WORK TOWARD RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEMS OF THE AEGEAN CAN CONTINUE.

4. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ADD A WORD ABOUT CYPRUS. I HAVE DEFERRED APPROACHING THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT PENDING AN INDICATION FROM YOU OF GREECE'S ATTITUDE TOWARD AN EXCHANGE OF "INITIAL POSITION" TERRITORIAL MAPS THROUGH THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL. I AM STILL PREPARED TO ASK THE TURKS TO DRAW UP A MAP, PROVIDING THE GREEK CYPRIOTS WILL SUBMIT ONE OF THEIR OWN, ALTHOUGH WE CAN ANTICIPATE RESISTANCE FROM THE TURKS ON SURFACING ANYTHING BUT TERRITORIAL CRITERIA BEFORE THE MATTER IS REFERRED TO SUBCOMMITTEES. AT A LATER STAGE, POSSIBLY FOLLOWING THE NEXT ROUND OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, I WOULD ALSO BE PREPARED TO SEEK THE MORE "REALISTIC" MAP WHICH I DISCUSSED IN WASHINGTON WITH CHRISTOPHIDES. BUT BEFORE ASKING THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT FOR MAPS, I WOULD VALUE YOUR COMMENTS AND YOUR ASSURANCES THAT THIS ACCORDS WITH YOUR OWN VIEWS ON HOW TO PROCEED. END MESSAGE.

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